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## BRYAN GOING TO CALIFORNIA AS THE ENVOY OF WILSON TO STOP FIGHT ON JAPS

President's Suggestion That Secretary Act as Adviser in Framing Bills Is Accepted.

WIRES GOV. JOHNSON.

Legislature at Sacramento Immediately Acts Favorably on Message.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 23.—President Wilson's telegram sent to Gov. Johnson and the Legislature today, suggesting that Secretary Bryan visit California and give his advice in the framing of the anti-alien land bills, caused Progressive Republican leaders of the Legislature to have a hurried conference with Gov. Johnson and the legislators that lasted more than an hour. The conference in Gov. Johnson's office ended, there was immediately introduced in both Houses a resolution declaring that while California maintains its rights to pass an anti-alien land law the Legislature will not object to a visit from Secretary Bryan. After stating that a telegram had been received from the President, the resolution continued: "Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the State of California that while this State respectfully maintains the right of its Legislature to legislate on the subject of land ownership within the State, it will be entirely agreeable to have the Secretary of State of the United States visit Sacramento for the purposes indicated in the President's telegram.

"And be it further resolved that in view of the probable early adjournment of the Legislature the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, instructed to transmit forthwith these resolutions by telegraph to the President."

### PRESIDENT DECIDED IT BEST TO HAVE BRYAN ON GROUND.

By Samuel M. Williams, Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—President Wilson will send Secretary of State Bryan to California at once in an endeavor to ward off complications with Japan, made dangerously imminent by the pending California legislation to prevent Japanese from owning land in the State. The following telegram was despatched this forenoon by the President to Gov. Hiram Johnson:

"Gov. Hiram Johnson, Sacramento, Cal.: "Thank you for your patriotic telegram. We find it so difficult from this distance to understand fully the situation with regard to the sentiments and circumstances lying back of the pending proposition concerning the ownership of land in the State that I venture to inquire whether it would be agreeable to you and the Legislature to have the Secretary of State visit Sacramento for the purpose of consulting with you and the members of the Leg-

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OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS. Sailed Today. Alameda, Liverpool, San Marcos, Galveston, Honolulu, London, New Orleans, Columbia, San Francisco, Colorado, Galveston, Panama, Bremen, Princeton, Japan, Mexico, Constantinople, Manila, Yokohama, Kobe, Seattle.

## PAPAL COUNTESS, ROBBED BY BURGLAR WHO HID UNDER BED.



## THIEF UNDER BED IN MANSION OF COUNTESS LEARY

Sneeze Betrays Hidden Burglar to Maid in Fifth Avenue Residence.

ESCAPES OUT WINDOW.

Rope of Pearls Missed Monday Indicates It Was His Second Visit.

A burglar was found under a bed in the palatial home of the Countess Annie Leary, at No. 1022 Fifth avenue, early today. He was frightened away by the screams of Miss Leary's maid, Charlotte, who found him in her room, and escaped by climbing from a balcony to that of a house under construction next door and making his way to the street. The Countess has been taking a great interest in the Catholic Fair at the Twelfth Regiment Armory, Sixty-first street and Columbus avenue, and has been attending both there; at the armory she has been accompanied by her maid. Monday evening, when they returned home, she discovered that the jewel case in her room had been opened and that a rope of pearls worth many thousand dollars was missing.

HEARD SOME ONE IN MAID'S ROOM, SAID COOK. Miss Leary told the servants of her loss, but when she found how the idea of thieves in the house frightened them she tried to reassure them by saying that she probably had mislaid the jewelry. Nevertheless, the household had been nervously on edge ever since.

Having a slight cold yesterday, Miss Leary sent Charlotte to the fair alone and waited up to hear her report on how things were going. They chatted about the fair until after midnight. As the maid passed the door of the room of the cook next to her own the cook called out to her. She stepped into the cook's room. The cook was disturbed.

"I thought you were in your room some time ago," she said. "I heard some one in there." Charlotte laughed at her for her nervousness and, going into her own room, began to prepare for bed. She had barely fastened her waist when she heard a muffled cry from under her bed. One glimpse showed her a young man sprawled out on the floor. He was smooth shaven, thin and had a dark complexion. She had no time to see more, because when she began screaming he scrambled out and climbed through the window.

MISSING PEARLS GIVE SOLE CLUE TO BURGLAR. The whole household and a woman guest of the Countess gathered in the parlor on the ground floor. The maids hunted for a policeman and the watchman of the new house next door. They found one policeman, who arrived quarter of an hour after the thief had escaped. The matter was reported at once to Capt. Tycho, chief of detectives of the East Eighty-eighth street station, and Detective Decker is trying to trace the thief through the missing pearls, which the police believe the intruder took on an earlier visit. They think he was frightened away Monday evening and returned to get what he had left.

## PIGMY NATION DEFIES EUROPE; TAKES SCUTARI

Montenegrins End Siege in 24-Hour Battle in Which 8,000 Are Slain.

A HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT.

King Nicholas Blocks Plan of the Powers for Peace in the Balkans.

LONDON, April 23.—In defiance of the powers of Europe, King Nicholas of Montenegro rode into the seaport city of Scutari at the head of his victorious troops to-day after defeating the Turks in one of the bravest and most persistent hand-to-hand combats of a siege in history. To use an American expression, King Nicholas played a lone hand and won, and it is now for the powers to deal with him. With a population of less than 300,000 and an area of 8,000 square miles the pigmy State of Montenegro chose to refuse to sign the armistice agreed upon by the other principalities engaged in warfare upon the Turks. The Montenegrins started out late last October with the prime intention of taking Scutari from the Turks, and when the armistice was signed a short time ago Scutari remained in Turkish hands, as it had been for nearly five centuries.

BATTLE OF SCUTARI LASTED TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. King Nicholas and his people decided to keep on fighting until they got the seaport they coveted. They kept hammering away, and on last Monday evening began the final assault. The battle lasted for twenty-four hours and Scutari's gallant defenders gave in shortly after midnight to-day when the Montenegrin advance guard, fighting with bayonets and clubbed rifles, penetrated the inner line of defense and opened the way to the city.

The minimum estimated loss of the Montenegrins at Scutari is 3,000 men. The Turks are believed to have lost half their garrison of 10,000.

Under the final conditions provided for the surrender the soldiers of the Turkish garrison were permitted to march out of the city with their arms.

In the early stages of the siege the Montenegrins were aided by the Serbians, and in concert with Serbian troops Montenegrin fighters carried the key fort Tarakosch, which made final success possible. But Serbia signed the armistice, leaving King Nicholas to shoulder the entire task of finishing the Turkish stronghold.

By taking Scutari King Nicholas upset all the nicely laid plans of the great Powers for the settlement of the Balkan allies' war against Turkey. One of the main stipulations of the triple alliance and the triple entente was to give Albania autonomous government, with Scutari for its capital. Now the Montenegrins have Scutari, and how to dislodge them without fighting the little kingdom is the nut that the Powers will have to crack.

KING SAID TO HAVE REFUSED TO SELL OUT. It is believed that the wily King Nicholas demonstrated that he would not "sell out" when he turned down an alleged offer of millions to lift the siege of Scutari. If that story was true it can hardly be expected that the King will consider a cash offer now that his soldiers are in possession of the coveted city and vilayet.

When the powers first served notice on Nicholas that he must desert he was quoted as saying: "I will enter Scutari at the head of my troops, or I will never return to Cetinje alive. We are fighting for our lives and against starvation. We have to have grain on rocks. Death in battle is preferable to live the way we have been forced to live."

While all of the six powers approved of the international blockade, and five of them have ships in the fleet, it is almost a certainty that if any power opened actual hostilities against Montenegro it would immediately precipitate

## JEKYL AND HYDE PIOUS IN CHURCH, BOLD IN BURGLARY

Judge Scores Sunday-School Teacher for Deceiving Young Woman.

GETS 4-YEAR SENTENCE.

Caught With Jimmy in Office Building in Forty-Second Street.

"The judgment of the law is that you shall be confined in the State Prison at Sing Sing for a term of four years and six months." Such was the sentence imposed by Judge O'Sullivan in the Court of General Sessions to-day upon Walter Thomas, thirty-two years old, of No. 98 Classon avenue, Brooklyn, who had been convicted of burglary and petty larceny. As Judge O'Sullivan concluded his sentence, a young woman rushed out of the courtroom to a telephone booth in the basement of the Criminal Court Building and conveyed the words of the judge to the prisoner's fiancée awaiting the message at her home in Yonkers.

"Your case," Judge O'Sullivan said to Thomas, "is one of the strangest that has ever figured in the annals of our court. For six days a week you were an honest, industrious, conscientious citizen, earning a good salary and associating with decent people; on the seventh day, the day that we are taught to revere, you were a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. You devoted part of that day to the service of God and the rest of the day you spent in stealing."

WOODS GIRL HE MET AT BROOKLYN LYNN CHURCH. "You are one man in a million. You go to prison with the good will of those that believe in you despite the fact that you are a hardened criminal. You succeeded in drawing to you a highly cultured, refined young woman. She gave her real, earnest, sincere affection to you, and if you had not been found out she would have married you. You, with all your wickedness, would have destroyed her life. You deceived her and cast a shadow across the life of a decent woman that will remain there forever."

Judge O'Sullivan refused to make public the name of the young woman he referred to. She is the daughter of a prominent Brooklynite, and at the time that she became engaged to Thomas was conspicuous in church and social circles in that borough. She is now living in Yonkers and has told Judge O'Sullivan she intends to devote the remainder of her life to the reformation of criminals.

Thomas was arrested by Detective Von Twissler of the East Fifty-first street station Sunday, Feb. 1. He obtained entrance to the office building at No. 1 East Forty-second street, and with a Jimmy of peculiar make forced doors leading to many offices, ransacking desks and stealing postage stamps and articles of small value. The work showed an experienced hand.

Judge O'Sullivan was impressed upon the trial of Thomas that the latter, despite his assertions to the contrary, was an English crook. After his conviction Judge O'Sullivan had Thomas's fingerprints sent to Scotland Yard, and through them it was discovered that Thomas was a "ticket of leave" man, having served three terms in British penal institutions for burglary.

ENGLISH RECORDS FORCED HIM TO CONFESS. Confronted with the English records, including his photograph, Thomas admitted that they were true and further informed Judge O'Sullivan that he had served twenty-two months in the Joliet State Prison for burglary. He admitted also that he had spent nearly every Sunday and holiday in committing petty burglaries in office buildings in this city during the past two years, at the same time holding a responsible position with the Aetna Life Insurance Company.

To the probation officers Thomas said that he was a member of a prominent church in Brooklyn and taught a class in the Sunday school. While engaged in this work he had met the young woman to whom Judge O'Sullivan referred and after a courtship of nearly a year had won her promise to marry him. The young woman made many futile

## GIRL AWARDED \$30,000 FOR INJURIES SHE GOT IN SUBWAY ACCIDENT



## GIRL GETS \$30,000 VERDICT FOR INJURIES IN SUBWAY ACCIDENT

May Live Long but Never Will Be Able to Work, Doctors Say.

Mabel Noar, a young designer of millinery, was awarded a verdict of \$30,000 damages against the Interborough Rapid Transit Company by a jury in Justice Donnelly's part of the Supreme Court to-day. The verdict is the largest returned against the subway company in an accident case in a number of years. She had sued for \$20,000.

The accident Miss Noar complained of occurred at the Grand Central station on Nov. 23, 1911. Miss Noar was entering a Bronx express train when the door closed, jamming her head against the iron stanchion which separates the passageway into the car. Paralysis developed and Miss Noar became afflicted with a disease of the nerves which the doctors say will cause her acute pain as long as she lives.

Miss Noar was subjected to a pitiful ordeal on the witness stand. Several times spasms of pain seized her and she had to be carried shrieking from the courtroom. To prove that all sensations had left her legs, her attorney stuck pins several times into them, and she gave no indication that she felt pain. She was removed to the Bronx Sanitarium, where paralysis developed. Also a peculiar ailment that makes the victim scream if touched, or if a motion is made to touch her.

Physicians testified that these peculiarities are recurrent and that for brief periods Miss Noar will have relief. She is doomed to undergo the affliction all her life, the experts stated, and will never be able to work, although she may live to be an old woman.

The defendants claimed that Miss Noar was a victim of the ailment before her injury, a statement which the physicians refuted. Miss Noar was taken to the court for a hearing on her application for a writ of habeas corpus. She told Judge O'Sullivan that it was impossible for her to be a thief. It was not until the venerable jurist showed her the London records and his admission as to the Illinois State prison term that she was convinced. Notwithstanding this she begged Judge O'Sullivan to suspend sentence on the convicted man, claiming that through her love for him she would be able to reform him.

## POLICE BULLETS STOP BANDITS NEAR HOLDUPS IN WILD WEST CHASES

Gunmen Open Fire on \$10,000 Pay Wagon and Keep Up Running Fusillade With Pursuers, Covering Many Blocks.

HAD JUST ROBBED MERCHANT THEY GOTTEN IN HIS SHOP

Three in Taxi Snatch \$350 From Man on Sixth Avenue and Flee Till Shots Halt Them.

Two sections of Greater New York were filled with flying bullets during the action of wilder scenes than anything ever presented as the most spectacular bit of a Wild West show. Two separate gangs of bandits were captured, practically red-handed, at the boldest hold-ups since the taxi bank robbery on Church street. The police got their men only after volleys from revolvers fired during running fights.

One chase was after four young gunmen in Williamsburg, who opened fire on the pay wagon of the Havemeyer refinery, which contained \$10,000 and was guarded by a policeman on foot. Two of the four were captured after emptying, reloading and again emptying their revolvers while they ran ahead of policemen through many blocks. They had attacked the wagon immediately after binding and robbing a merchant in his shop.

Three taxi bandits snatched \$150 and a diamond ring from a man at Sixth avenue and Fourteenth street, Manhattan, and sped off in their car. All were brought to bay by bullets.

## TAXICAB BANDITS CAUGHT NEAR HOLDUP UNDER POLICE FIRE

Sixth avenue, between Fourteenth and Eighteenth streets, was the scene early to-day of a bombardment with revolvers by three policemen of a taxicab which they believed was being used by highwaymen in making an escape. The taxi stopped at Eighteenth street and Harry Ackerman of No. 116 East Eighteenth street, the chauffeur; Harry Cohen of No. 281 Eldridge street, who was a witness in the Becker case, and Abraham Ambush of No. 135 East Seventeenth street were captured.

The attention of Policeman Hahn of the Tenderloin station was attracted to the taxicab when he saw a man running after it and shouting "Stop thief!" Hahn, who was on post at Sixteenth street, stepped in the way of the approaching taxi and ordered the chauffeur to stop. Then he stepped out of the way in a hurry, for the chauffeur not only failed to stop, but manifested a disposition to run him down.

As the taxi passed him, bound north, Hahn began to shoot at the taxicab. Policemen Sullivan and Kirk, hearing the shots, drew their revolvers and stepped out to intercept the car. Sullivan fired point blank at the vehicle as it neared Eighteenth street and the chauffeur made an emergency stop.

The man who had been chasing the taxi came up and accused the chauffeur and the two passengers of holding him up at Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue and robbing him of \$150 and a diamond ring worth \$200. Cohen had the ring. The complainant was Isaac Swimer, an engineer, of No. 6 Seventh street. The prisoners denied robbing Swimer. They said they had been abouting craps in Joe Minette's place in Fourteenth street near Sixth avenue and Swimer, who was a loser, borrowed \$100 from Cohen, giving the ring as security. When they reached the street Swimer wanted the ring. Cohen hit him in the face and then the three tried to get away in the taxi, fearing that Swimer would call the police.

When the three alleged taxi bandits were arraigned before Magistrate March in Jefferson Market they had nearly a dozen witnesses to swear that Swimer had lost \$150 in cash at a craps game, and that on further losses Swimer had given Cohen, one of the prisoners, his diamond ring for security. The hearing was adjourned.

BULLETS FLY WILDLY AS GUNMEN FIGHT POLICE ON THE RUN. Four youths stepped from the back shop of Philip Fogelman at South Sixth street and Wythe avenue, Williamsburg, at 10 o'clock this morning, just as the light delivery wagon of the Havemeyer Refinery of the American Sugar Refining Company, in which rode the passenger with \$10,000 in small bills, approached the scene. Each of the four youths drew a revolver and instantly the reports of half a dozen shots rang through the air. Men and women scattered, screaming for nearby coverage and the passenger drew rein, pulling his horse up on his haunches. Behind the wagon walked Policeman Rayne of the Bedford avenue station as escort, and at the sound of the shots he came running around the wagon, revolver in hand. The gunmen, still firing in the air, were running toward the pay wagon when, from opposite direction, came Sgt. Schilling and Policemen Raach and Seiderberg of the Bedford avenue station, all attracted by the shooting. Each man had whipped out his revolver, and at sight of the armed men making toward the pay wagon, which is known to every policeman in the Bedford avenue station, they opened fire on the robbers. BANDITS, FLEEING, FIRE AT POLICEMEN. Through South Sixth street to Broadway ran the four, the policemen keeping up a steady fusillade behind them and the robbers firing now and then. Down Broadway to South Fifth street the chase continued. The street was crowded with pedestrians and wagons and every one took to cover at the approach of the gangsters and the police. Bullets from the guns of pursuers and pursued swept in a hail up and down the street, for as fast as they emptied their weapons the policemen reloaded them as they ran, and the gangmen jammed fresh cartridges into the magazines of their pistols as they fled in headlong haste. Into South Fifth street swept the four fugitives and headed toward the Recreation Park beneath the Williamsburg Bridge structure, where scores of children were at play. In the Recreation Park the gunmen separated, two going in one direction and two in another, the latter directing